

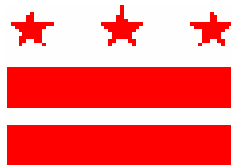
PUBLIC HEARING

ON

**“CONTRACTING & PROCUREMENT IN THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA: THE UTILIZATION OF LOCAL, SMALL, AND
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES”**

BEFORE

**THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
VINCENT B. ORANGE, Sr., CHAIRMAN
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**



**TESTIMONY OF JALAL GREENE
ACTING DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2005

GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN ORANGE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS JALAL GREENE, I AM THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WHICH I WILL REFER TO AS “DHCD” OR “THE DEPARTMENT”). I AM HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT’S COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOCAL, SMALL, AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2003 (“THE ACT”).

IN FY 2004, THE DEPARTMENT WAS REQUIRED TO CONTRACT 50% OF ITS FY 2004 EXPENDITURE BUDGET WITH LOCAL, SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (LSDBE) VENDORS. IN FY 2004, THE DEPARTMENT’S EXPENDITURE BUDGET WAS FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY - SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (\$586,496). DHCD CONTRACTED THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTHOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$337,408) WITH LSDBE VENDORS, WHICH REPRESENTS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN PERCENT (115.1%) OF OUR COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT.

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS MET AND EXCEEDED ITS COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AS WE CONTINUE TO INCORPORATE THIS ADMINISTRATION'S GOAL IN HELPING LSBDEs.

IN ADDITION TO MEETING OUR LOCAL EXPENDABLE BUDGET REQUIREMENT, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ENSURES ITS FEDERAL DOLLARS BENEFIT LSDBEs. FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOOD AND SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTED APPROXIMATELY \$300,000 WITH LSDBE VENDORS. ALSO FOR OUR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, WE ENSURED THAT 35% OF THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS WERE CONTRACTED WITH LSDBEs.

THE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE MAYOR'S GOAL OF SUPPORTING LSDBEs, AS CONTRACTING WITH LSDBEs IS VERY IMPORTANT TO DHCD AND WE WILL CONTINUE OUR PART TO ENSURE THAT LSDBEs GET ADEQUATE CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES.

**MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THIS
CONCLUDES MY TESTIMONY. I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER
ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.**